## **News Release**



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## Help with the Environment and Participate in Earth Day by Cleaning Up Glass Beach on April 19, 2008

California State Parks is leading a clean up at Glass Beach, part of MacKerricher State Park.

On April 19, 2008, the public is invited to help pick up trash at Glass Beach from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help remove waste from the natural environment that could otherwise be ingested by wildlife. Waste Management Incorporated is donating the use of a large dumpster for trash collection.

Volunteers can pick up latex gloves, plastic bags and maps at the corner of Elm Street and Glass Beach Drive in Fort Bragg, California. The waste dumpster will be at the same location.

Glass Beach is named for the smooth pieces of glass that are found along the shore in this area. The site was used as a waste dump until 1967. Over the years, powerful wave action has smoothed over countless pieces of sharp glass.

On April 22, 1970, millions of people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. Now Earth Day is celebrated annually around the globe. Through the combined efforts of the U.S. government, state and local governments, grassroots organizations, and people like you, what started as a day of national environmental recognition has evolved into a world-wide campaign to protect our global environment.

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